

## AN ARMY IN A MONTH

Castro Says He Could Quickly Restore Himself.

HE DOESN'T FEAR GOMEZ

Members of His Family Oppose His Return to Venezuela.

WILL SAIL FROM BORDEAUX

His Life in Germany Has Been Very Expensive—Said to Have Now in Europe About \$75,000.

COLOGNE, March 23.—Ex-President Castro of Venezuela, who is on his way to Bordeaux to sail for South America, stayed in this city overnight and will leave for Paris tomorrow morning. One of the arguments made by Castro's family to induce him not to return to Venezuela is that it lies in the power of President Gomez to reduce the former president to poverty, which has no occasion for doing if Castro resides away from Venezuela. Castro says he does not fear such a high-handed act.

Castro Full of Confidence.

The former president's attitude of mind is described as being that if he were alone in the forests of Venezuela he could within a week have a following, within a month an army and within three months the mastery of the state. Castro has no personal confidence, and it is recalled that he began his armed movement for the so-called "liberal restoration" with sixty men.

It is learned from one of Castro's friends that he has only about \$75,000 in Europe and that the stories of his enormous wealth sent out to him from Venezuela are pure fiction. Ex-President Castro is said to have been in Germany for some time, and that he was later supplemented by drafts on the Bank of Venezuela for about \$50,000 more.

Drafts Stopped by Gomez.

The Gomez government stopped the drafts upon the national treasury, but allowed the drafts to be honored from Castro's private deposits. His estates in Venezuela yield large revenues, but his agents have not apparently deposited anything to the ex-president's account in the Caracas banks.

It is not clear whether President Gomez will permit Castro's private income to be sent continuously out of the country, especially if there is any suspicion that this money will be used to finance a revolution.

Gen. Castro's life in Germany has been very expensive. Besides the fee of \$4,500 which he gave to Prof. Israel and his clinic expenses of \$3,750, Castro's hotel expenses for his party during the first three weeks were \$40 daily. Later these were cut down to \$250 a day and still further reduced when the party reached Dresden.

GIRL STUDENTS INDIGNANT.

Deny Charge of Reckless Horseback Riding at Kensington.

There was a ripple of indignation among the young women students at Forest Glen Seminary when it was learned that three of their number had been held up by a Maryland constable and taken before the mayor of Kensington about yesterday, charged with reckless riding. It appears that the trio of fair students, accompanied by a groom, had been enjoying a horseback ride in the invigorating atmosphere over the picturesque roads in the vicinity of Kensington. Suddenly a railroad locomotive gave out several piercing "toot" notes and the trio began to rear and plunge. One of the horses ran upon the sidewalk of Kensington when the constable appeared.

The groom had dismounted to recover some article one of the young women had dropped while her steed was plunging. The constable placed him under arrest and escorted him with the three riders before Mayor Cannon. After both sides had stated their versions of the affair and the groom and students had declared there was nothing that warranted their arrest, the mayor dismissed the case. He did not deliver a lecture to the girls, as reported. He said he would take up the matter later with President Cannon of the Forest Glen Seminary.

As a result of the Kensington episode a meeting of the instructors and students of the seminary was held last night. It was decided that hereafter the young women should be accompanied by a chaperon when visiting or passing through Kensington either on horseback or afoot.

FOUND DEAD IN ROOM.

Government Printing Office Pressman Victim of Apoplexy.

George F. Koon, forty-four years of age, employed as a pressman at the government printing office, was found dead in his room this morning at his boarding house, 731 3d street northwest. Coroner Nevitt after making an investigation, gave a certificate of death from apoplexy. The body was removed to the morgue.

Mr. Koon, who had been employed at the printing office for about fifteen months, had been to work one day after having been suspended since the latter part of January. He was seen about the house last night and was in good spirits. When a person in the house came to the door this morning to call him he was found dead.

He came to this city from Chicago, Ill., where he resided at 408 42d street. He was formerly a resident of Chicago, Ill. An effort will be made to locate his relatives in both of those cities.

TWO WILLS FILED.

Estate of Abigail Connor and Matthew Aiken for Probate.

The will of Abigail Connor, dated March 2, 1899, has been filed for probate. She leaves house 132 C street northwest, all household furniture and all other personal property to Catherine Johnston. Premises 657 G street northeast are to be sold, and from the proceeds \$100 each is to be paid Rev. V. E. Schmitt and Rev. Ignatius Fealy of St. George's Church, \$50 to John Doran, \$50 to Elizabeth Lynch and the remainder distributed among Ella Prendiville, Margaret McGarvey and William Horan, all of Boston. Catherine Johnston is named as executrix.

Matthew Aiken, by his will, dated December 24, 1882, provides that his entire estate shall go to his wife, Mary Joanna Aiken. She is also named as executrix.

Building Permits Issued.

The following building permits were issued today:

To H. Wardman, for one four-story brick apartment house at 1507 Park road; architect, A. H. Beers; builder, H. Wardman; estimated cost \$100,000.

To D. H. Pugh, for one two-story frame dwelling at 4512 G street northeast; architect, Albert Flegel; builder, Oliver & Hain; estimated cost \$1,000.

National Tubercular Sanitarium.

Representative Sabbath of Illinois introduced a bill yesterday calling for an appropriation of \$250,000,000 for the establishment in Colorado of a national tubercular sanitarium.

It pays to read the want columns of The Star. Hundreds of situations are filled through them.

## ATTACKS TARIFF BILL

Report of Minority of Ways and Means Committee.

ITS CRITICISM CAUSTIC

Asserts That Foreign Trade Is Sought With Meat-Ax.

MEASURE DECLARED SECTIONAL

It Is Charged That the Farmer Gets Practically No Relief, and Burdens Are Put on Producer.

The report of the minority members of the ways and means committee on the Payne tariff bill was submitted to the House last evening by Minority Leader Champ Clark. The report is a caustic criticism of the Payne bill in general and particular. The main allegations concerning the bill are:

That it invites a trade war with foreign nations.

That it favors the trusts and taxes the consumer.

That it is sectional and discriminatory.

That it brings sorrow and dismay to the great body of consumers.

Branching out from these preliminary allegations, the report takes up the schedules in detail and criticizes each.

"There are many changes—for the most part, minor changes," the report says, "of the Dingley rates, some up and some down. Most of the changes in a downward direction are reductions more apparent than real, the Payne rates being as prohibitive in their results in many cases as the Dingley rates. In some of the schedules containing the most exorbitant rates there are no changes giving any appreciable relief to the great body of consumers."

Declaring that a tariff is a tax paid by the consumer and that the only function of a tariff law is to raise revenue to supply the needs of the government, the minority members of the committee insist that instead of an increase of taxes or a new issue of bonds the correct remedy for the growing deficiency in the revenue is to cut down the expenses of running the government.

Trade Sought With Meat-Ax.

Continuing the criticism of the Payne bill, the report declares:

"The whole maximum and minimum tariff scheme as set forth in the Payne bill enables foreign countries to force us to raise the rates of the Payne schedules 20 per cent, which would, after making ample allowance for the reductions in the Payne bill, increase our tariff rates on the average much above the rates of the Dingley law—a prospect which will bring sorrow and dismay to the great body of the people. We are most heartily in favor of such a maximum and minimum tariff scheme, but we are equally heartily in favor of such a maximum and minimum tariff scheme as will enable our government to negotiate tariff arrangements by making concessions to other governments by reducing the rates of our schedules when such other countries will make equally valuable concessions to us; the maximum rates should be the rates of our schedules, and the minimum a reasonable rate below our statutory rates; but as it stands the maximum and minimum tariff plan of the Payne bill is an open challenge to a trade war with every other nation on earth. It is seeking trade with a club or meat-ax. We are opposed to such an unwise and unnecessary performance."

"In this connection it may be well to ponder thoroughly our relations with Cuba. Does any sane man suppose for one moment that the great commercial nations, our competitors for the world's trade, will make concessions to us on our dependencies? It is a thing incredible. To ask that question is to ask a swan to swim."

"The bill is in many respects crude, indefinite, sectional and prohibitive. It seems to us from our examination, which was necessarily hasty, that on the whole it increases the cost of living. For example, it will increase the price of hosiery about 50 per cent, and certainly nobody will wear such hosiery as a luxury in this day and generation. In numerous instances the protection exceeds the entire labor cost of the article. The report maintains that the tariff arrangement with the Philippines should be considered in a separate measure and not in the general measure of the bill."

The Bill Called Sectional.

The claim that the bill is a sectional one, made by the democratic members of the committee, is based largely on the cotton schedule. The report contends that the bill does not lift any burdens from the shoulders of the southern farmer, although the manufacturer of cotton goods is protected by a heavy tax, it claims.

"The treatment of the farmer by this bill is along the same lines as have characterized republican methods in the past," says the report. "He gets practically no relief and the laborer and producer have greater burdens imposed upon them. Every article of food the laborer must have to live comfortably is heavily taxed; even the salt on his table is not exempt. This scheduled protection is a luxury in the hands of the manufacturer and the merchant."

The report further contends that a similar "joker" in the paragraph providing for the free entry of coffee places a duty of 10 per cent on the export duty imposed by the country from which it is imported, and that the consumer must pay both the export duty of the other country and the import duty of the United States. The tax on tea is also added, the claim being made that the tariff on tea is a duty on tea representing the amount by which the cost of living will be increased by this tax.

Metal Schedule Criticized.

Criticism is made of the metal schedule, and it is contended that, besides having been placed on the free list, the duty on leather, shoes, harness and other leather manufactures should also be removed. Increases in the chemical schedule are termed unjustifiable, and the changes made in the glass schedule, the democratic claim, will not increase the revenues appreciably.

A severe arraignment of the wool schedule is made. "The only noteworthy change in the rates on manufactures of wool," the report states, "is that in the Payne bill a lower rate is out on tops than upon yarn, as it should be."

"Claiming that this change will not affect the price of the wool," the report declares, "No man, woman or child will ever have cause to thank the framers of the Payne bill for cheaper and more abundant clothes and blankets."

The compound duties, specific and ad valorem, of the Dingley and Payne bills, on woolsens, is severely criticized.

Duty on Refined Sugar.

Referring to the reduction of 5-100 of a cent in the city on refined sugar, provided by the Payne bill, the report declares:

"Theoretically the trust receives a blow between the eyes. In reality this infinitesimal reduction of the Dingley rate will reduce the price of refined sugar to the prime necessary of life—to the consumer in any degree whatsoever. Certainly that reduction may be properly dominated as a sham."

A strong protest is made against the method by which the bill was framed and the manner in which the decisions of the republican subcommittee were kept secret. The report also declares that any delay in enacting the bill will be to the detriment of the republicans should they be defeated.

## Women's Tailored Waists

Values Worth Up to \$2 - 98c

Special sale of Women's Tailored Waists, of excellent quality linene, fancy jacquard and fancy stripe percales. Plain fronts, plaited fronts and tailored tucks. Laundered collar and cuffs. In all white grounds with fancy colored stripe and plain white with colored piped effects. All sizes from 34 to 44. Values worth up to \$2.00 each. One day at 98c.

"IT PAYS TO DEAL AT GOLDENBERG'S."

**Goldenberg's**  
SEVENTH AND K. "The Dependable Store."

## Purchase of Black Voile Skirts, \$4.88

Worth \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 . . . . .

We had the rare good fortune to secure the "sample line" of Black Voile Skirts of a New York skirt manufacturer—brand-new models, that represent every phase of the present fashions. The styles are particularly fine and the materials the very best imported voiles—rich, handsome fabrics that enjoy universal favor this season.

Splendidly tailored garments in front-panel and side-trimmed effect; others with narrow satin stitched folds and wide fold of satin around the entire bottom of skirt. Handsome Empire models in the collection, richly designed and trimmed in many styles. Nine gore flare, with correct hip lines and lapover seams.

## 50c Rough Shantung Pongee Silks,

29c Yard. Fashion's Favorite Silks For Spring Costumes.

50 pieces of these Fashionable Spring Silks in tomorrow's special sale at nearly half regular values—news of the greatest money-saving importance to women who are planning new spring dresses.

They are the Genuine "Mirror Glace" Rough Shantung Pongee Silks, and measure full 27 inches wide.

They have a beautiful brilliant luster—and are aptly named "Mirror Glace" Pongee Silks. Nothing more desirable for spring waists and dresses.

The range of shades is complete, and includes all the new spring favorites, such as VISTARIA, RED COCK, ONION, OLIVE GREEN, REBECCA, OLD ROSE, CANARD, MULBERRY, NAVY BLUE, COPENHAGEN, ASHES OF ROSES, PISTACH, BROWN.

## Cook's Cork-filled Linoleums, 29c

Sold Regularly at 75c and \$1.00 a Yard.

The Cook Linoleum mills have shipped us another lot of remnant lengths of Heavy-weight Cork-filled Printed Linoleums, which we place on sale tomorrow at a price certain to create a great sensation among housekeepers who need this floor covering, and appreciate the rare chance to buy at such small cost.

Lengths range from one to six yards. In light and dark colorings, showing parquette flooring, inlaid tiling and mosaic patterns.

Many of the patterns are alike, and you will have no trouble in securing enough of one design to cover a large room, vestibule or hall. All in 8-quarter width. Regular 75c and \$1.00 grades at 29c a yard.

## 25c to 50c Grades of Vitroplane, 19c yd.

We have just received a new shipment of new patterns of Vitroplane, the famous imitation of stained glass, and place it on sale tomorrow at 19c a yard.

Vitroplane is made in France, and is fast becoming popular for decorating windows, transoms and other places about the home.

The patterns represent frosted, stained and cathedral glass, in all colorings. Vitroplane obstructs the view, but admits the light. It is easily applied and will not peel off or crack. Tomorrow at 19c a yard for regular 25c to 50c qualities.

## 25c Window Shades at 19c Each.

We want to emphasize the fact they are not "seconds" or imperfect quality, but are the best quality opaque cloth—the kind which always sell at full price.

In light, medium and dark green, cream, ecru and white—the most desirable colors. Regular size—36x72 inches. Mounted on good strong spring rollers. Wednesday at 19c each.

## NEW WASHINGTON ORCHESTRA

REORGANIZATION UNDER HEINRICH HAMMER.

Director of Choral Society Chosen to Conduct New Venture.

Raising of Funds.

The Washington Orchestra is to be reorganized under the direction of Prof. Heinrich Hammer, director of the Choral Society.

It has been estimated that a fund of \$100,000 is necessary to guarantee the organization for three years. Ten thousand dollars has already been subscribed. When \$40,000 more is subscribed \$50,000 will be added from a source not yet announced. Subscriptions are received from \$1 upward, each calling for their value in concert tickets.

The new organization is to be an orchestra of eighty pieces, capable of playing the highest class of music and ranking in every respect with famous orchestras of the country.

Prof. Hammer, selected as the director of the proposed organization, has an international reputation as a vocal and instrumental director. Through his efforts the Choral Society of Washington has reached a high standard. This accomplished, with his reputation for talent and directing ability, is deemed a strong guarantee of what is to be expected of the new orchestra.

Prof. Hammer was born at Erfurt, Germany, October 27, 1862. After finishing his musical studies, in composition with A. G. Ritter of Magdeburg and violin with Jean Botti, favorite pupil of Spohr, he began his career as a conductor at the age of twenty at Oldenburg. Two years later he became conductor of the municipal orchestra of his native city. In 1885 he accepted the post of concert master of the Philharmonic Orchestra of Stockholm. He was afterward, in turn, conductor of the Choral Society at Sundsvall, Sweden, and of the Philharmonic Orchestra and Choral Society of Oerebro.

To improve his knowledge of French music he then studied two years at Paris. In 1892 he removed to Amsterdam, where he achieved success as conductor of three male choral societies, of another society at Harlem, of the French Choral Society at Rotterdam, and of the famous "Euterpe" mixed choir and leader of the Amsterdam String Quartet.

His reputation thus became firmly established, and as a result he was made director of the municipal orchestra at Bochum, Westphalia, from 1897 to 1900. He went thence to Lausanne, where he remained until 1904, as conductor of the Lausanne Symphony Orchestra, which he soon made famous in Switzerland.

Prof. Hammer is also conductor of other Swiss orchestras, choral societies, the Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin and, as a sort of climax to his career, the great Beethoven centenary festival at Geneva in 1907.

Now recognized by the public and certain of European fame, he was selected to organize and conduct the new Philharmonic and Municipal Orchestra of Goeteborg, Sweden, a splendid organization, made possible, like the Boston Symphony Orchestra, by the munificence and public subscription of the city.

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Howard Carter, a negro, whose home is said to be in Virginia, was held in \$500 bond for the action of the grand jury today after a preliminary hearing before Judge Mulowny of the Police Court on a charge of grand larceny. In default of the necessary security he was remanded to jail. The charge against the defendant was that he had stolen a pair of trousers, a coat and a hat, valued at \$70, the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, near Deanwood station.

## WILL YOU SPEAK FOR THE POOR?

Your church is asked to take up a Sunday morning collection. Your Sunday school is invited to help the suffering little children in destitute homes.

Your Young People's Society is urged to lend a hand. Your labor union should help. Your fraternal order is naturally interested in charity—speak to it. Can you not take up a collection in your shop, office building or factory?

If you belong to any of these or any other organization make it helpful in the united effort of the whole community to relieve, befriend and rebuild the needy.

Fifteen thousand dollars is needed. Your speaking will help the joint finance committee of the Associated Charities, the Citizens' Relief Association and the Tuberculosis Association to raise that amount.

Send contributions to the joint finance committee, 811 G street northwest.

## SOAP SALE, 3 1/2c.

Choice of the following favorite laundry soaps offered tomorrow at 3 1/2c a cake—regularly 5c:

Blue Napha Pearlina (Cincinnati) Oleine Babbitt's Brooke's Crystal Gold Dust (Basement)

## Stamped Dutch Collars, Special at 25c Each.

These Stamped Linen Collars are finished ready to wear—and will appeal to women who want exclusive styles, different from the ordinary sort.

Shown in a wide assortment of dainty patterns—choice at 25c. (Art dept., 1st floor.)

## Women's Popular Suede Footwear.

Correct Styles for Easter.

The demand for Suede Footwear amounts almost to a craze. Our finger is constantly on the pulse of fashion—and so you will find a complete assortment of these popular oxfords and pumps at Goldenberg's.

A new line of Women's Suede Oxfords and Strap Ankle Pumps, including black and London smoke shades; one and three eyelet, ribbon ties and ankle strap pumps; hand-sewed welts and turn-ups. All sizes. Very smart and swaggy.

\$3.50 Pair.

50c 12-button-length Lisle Gloves, 25c.

A half-price purchase of 200 dozen pairs of Women's 12-button-length Lisle Gloves on sale tomorrow at 25c a pair.

In black and white. All sizes. These gloves are popular for spring wear—and will be snapped up at this low price.

## CHARGE ABUSE OF DISCRETION

CLUBS OBTAIN INJUNCTION AGAINST EXCISE BOARD.

Say Refusal to Renew License Is Unreasonable—Court Sets Hearing for Thursday.

The order of the excise board to Maj. Sylvester to close the Chamberlin Club and the Bartenders' Union Club, to which renewal of licenses had been refused, was suspended last yesterday afternoon by Justice Wright of the District Supreme Court.

On petition of Attorney Wilton J. Lambert, representing the clubs, Justice Wright directed the excise board to show cause next Thursday why it should not be enjoined from carrying into effect its order attempting to terminate the licenses to the clubs to sell liquor.

The club officers complain that the license is a property right; that their business has been properly conducted and they have never been called on to answer a complaint respecting the conduct of the clubs. They declare that the excise board has acted arbitrarily and that the refusal to renew the license is "unreasonable and an abuse of discretion."

A similar suit was filed by James Sevens, whose barroom at 830 8th street northwest was also ordered closed at midnight last night. Through Attorney Albert Sillers he secured from Justice Gould a restraining order against Maj. Sylvester and the excise board. Hearing in this case is also set for Thursday.

## WILL HAVE CONSTITUTION.

Edict of Late Chinese Emperor Recently Confirmed.

SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO THE STAR. SHANGHAI, March 23.—Apparently the movement in China toward a more democratic system of government is not being retarded under the new regime.

Among the host of imperial decrees recently published in Peking was one confirming the edict issued by the late emperor, at the instance of the deceased empress dowager, directing steps to be taken for the establishment of constitutional government. It commanded the officials concerned to make the necessary preparations for setting up a constitution and the creation of a parliament, so that this might be accomplished within the time originally laid down, namely, nine years. Moreover, 1918 was definitely fixed as the year for the meeting of the first parliament.

This was followed up the other day by the issue of a second decree, in which the emperor was requested to act energetically and without delay and to inform the people of the government's desire that officials and citizens should work in harmony toward insuring the success of the new constitution.

## Swiss Flouncings, 40c

Worth 75c, 98c & \$1.25.

One of the most unusual values in this remarkable sale of Embroideries which started yesterday.

Finest Quality Swiss Embroidery Flouncings, 22 to 27 inches wide, in French shadow work and English eyelet designs of the most beautiful sort. All hand-machine made goods, extra superior, strong, firm-woven qualities. Sold regularly at 75c, 98c and \$1.25 a yard; for 49c.

## Mercerized Satin Damask,

Regularly 59c a yard, 38c Offered Tomorrow for 38c

The lot will hardly last longer than one day—for such bargains as this don't go begging.

64-inch-wide White Mercerized Satin Table Damask; of excellent close-woven quality with rich satin mercerized finish that continued washing will not affect. Choice of eight attractive patterns. Housewives who want a supply of serviceable table damask should be here tomorrow to buy some of this 59c Mercerized Satin Table Damask for 38c a yard.

## Wednesday's Domestic "Leaders."

Yard-wide Bleached Cotton, a firm close-woven grade entirely free from dressing; especially desirable for making summer undergarments for women and children. Usual 10c value at 73c

81x90 Linen-finish Bleached Sheets; full size for double beds; hand torn and ironed, with 3-inch hem. Regular price, 38c each. One day for 43c

5-quarter Table Oilcloth, in plain white, fancy designs and tiling patterns; the best grade manufactured, and always sold for 25c a yard. One day at 19c

"Mill ends" of Yard-wide Percales, in a big assortment of new and up-to-date patterns; lengths from 5 to 15 yards; choice of gray, brown, blue and black-and-white grounds, showing stripes, checks, dots, figures and broken plaids; just the material adapted for making women's house garments, waists and children's dresses. Regular price, 10c a yard. One day at 63c

## HOUSEFURNISHINGS.

Large-size Japanese China Individual Butter Chips blue decorated. Special price, each, 2c

Black's Red Devil Gas 9c

Mantle, extra quality, 25c

10c Extra Quality Cotton 7 1/2c

Extra Quality Tin Dishpan, both shallow and deep; choice of sizes 10, 14 and 17 quart. Value, 10c; worth up to 25c each. Special at 10c

German China Salad Dish; neatly decorated. Worth 25c. Special at 19c

Extra Quality Tampico Dust 9c

Large Stone China Mixing Bowl; regularly 25c. Special at 17c

Steel Oyster Friers, with separate wire drain baskets. Worth 25c. One day at 17c

## "Mill Lengths" of 10c Dress Ginghams at 7 1/4c a yd.

We bought a big lot of "mill lengths" of these Excellent Quality Dress Ginghams—that explains the little price quoted for them tomorrow.

All in desirable lengths for making waists, house garments and children's dresses. Choice of a good assortment of styles and colorings, including stripes, checks, dots and figures in all shades. Also plain colors of light blue, pink, gray, oxford and cadet blue. Warranted fast colors. Tomorrow at 7 1/4c a yard instead of 10c.

## 25c &amp; 30c Grades Jap Matting at 17 1/2c Yd.

Special offering of 100 rolls of Fine Quality 180-warp Japanese Matting on sale tomorrow at the lowest price quoted for this season for such splendid wearing and superior grade goods.

In handsome carpet designs. Colorings of green, blue, red and yellow. Close-woven kind, with special machine-made selvage edge. Regular 25c and 30c qualities at 17 1/2c a yard.